

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND claims 1, 8 and 9 and ADD new claims 11-22 in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~An~~ A girder bridge protection device comprising:
sacrifice means including girders which are installed on an upper surface of a bridge seat of an abutment or pier to support a bridge floor, a symmetrical main support member which connects two girders and has a pipe-shaped configuration, and an auxiliary support member which projects from one surface of a center portion of the main support member in a direction perpendicular to an axial direction of the main support member; and
restraining means secured to the bridge seat of the abutment or pier and including an accommodating section which accommodates the auxiliary support member such that the auxiliary support member is separated from the accommodating section in a forward and rearward direction and in a leftward and rightward direction, thereby controlling behavior of the auxiliary support member.
2. (ORIGINAL) The girder bridge protection device according to claim 1, wherein the auxiliary support member of the sacrifice means is coupled to the main support member to define a closed loop.
3. (ORIGINAL) The girder bridge protection device according to claim 2, wherein the auxiliary support member comprises a pair of connection sections which are connected to the main support member and an accommodated section which connects the pair of connection sections with each other and is positioned in the accommodating section of the restraining means.
4. (ORIGINAL) The girder bridge protection device according to claim 3, wherein the restraining means comprises the accommodating section which accommodates both auxiliary support members of two front and rear main support members installed on the same bridge seat.
5. (ORIGINAL) The girder bridge protection device according to claim 4, wherein the two main support members commonly hold the one auxiliary support member.

6. (ORIGINAL) The girder bridge protection device according to claim 1, wherein the auxiliary support member of the sacrifice means which is coupled to the main support member has a bar-shaped configuration.

7. (ORIGINAL) The girder bridge protection device according to claim 6, wherein the auxiliary support member comprises a bar-shaped accommodated section which is positioned in the accommodating section of the restraining means, and a release prevention section which is formed at an end of the accommodated section to prevent release of the auxiliary support member from the restraining means.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The girder bridge protection device according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~claim 1, wherein the main support member of the sacrifice means has a square sectional shape.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The girder bridge protection device according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~claim 1, wherein elastic means is intervened between the auxiliary support member of the sacrifice means and the accommodating section of the restraining means.

10. (ORIGINAL) The girder bridge protection device according to claim 9, wherein the elastic means comprises a leaf spring.

11. (NEW) The girder bridge protection device according to claim 2, wherein the main support member of the sacrifice means has a square sectional shape.

12. (NEW) The girder bridge protection device according to claim 3, wherein the main support member of the sacrifice means has a square sectional shape.

13. (NEW) The girder bridge protection device according to claim 4, wherein the main support member of the sacrifice means has a square sectional shape.

14. (NEW) The girder bridge protection device according to claim 5, wherein the main support member of the sacrifice means has a square sectional shape.

15. (NEW) The girder bridge protection device according to claim 6, wherein the main support member of the sacrifice means has a square sectional shape.

16. (NEW) The girder bridge protection device according to claim 7, wherein the main support member of the sacrifice means has a square sectional shape.

17. (NEW) The girder bridge protection device according to claim 2, wherein elastic means is intervened between the auxiliary support member of the sacrifice means and the accommodating section of the restraining means.

18. (NEW) The girder bridge protection device according to claim 3, wherein elastic means is intervened between the auxiliary support member of the sacrifice means and the accommodating section of the restraining means.

19. (NEW) The girder bridge protection device according to claim 4, wherein elastic means is intervened between the auxiliary support member of the sacrifice means and the accommodating section of the restraining means.

20. (NEW) The girder bridge protection device according to claim 5, wherein elastic means is intervened between the auxiliary support member of the sacrifice means and the accommodating section of the restraining means.

21. (NEW) The girder bridge protection device according to claim 6, wherein elastic means is intervened between the auxiliary support member of the sacrifice means and the accommodating section of the restraining means.

22. (NEW) The girder bridge protection device according to claim 7, wherein elastic means is intervened between the auxiliary support member of the sacrifice means and the accommodating section of the restraining means.